



The Cross & Flame



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MAY **PENTECOST** 2018

Spiritual Gifts Preaching by Pastor Kent

"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other." - 1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)

During the month of May I will be preaching on "Spiritual Gifts". It is important for us to understand what the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are, how they are distributed and the opportunities we have for putting them to use.

A church that employs and deploys people based on their giftedness will be effective in ministry and witness.

Along with this preaching series we will each have the opportunity to take a Spiritual Gifts assessment and also explore the best ways we can use our Spiritual Gifts in Christ's service through the ministry of UMC, Branford.

Blessings, Pastor Kent

Pastor's Bible Study



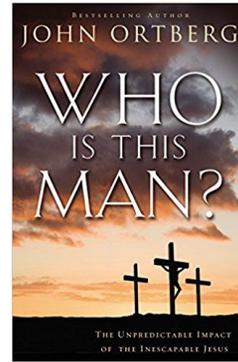
Two sessions of the Pastor's Bible Study are offered each week on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Please consider joining one of these groups!!!

During the month of May we will continue our study of "The

Journey: Living by Faith in an Uncertain World" by Rev. Dr. Billy Graham

We anticipate engaging times of conversation, growing together as we are inspired by the life and teachings of Rev. Dr. Billy Graham

Men's Breakfast:



Our monthly Men's Breakfasts group will meet on **May 19th at 8:00 AM**. After a time of good food and fellowship we will view a video which will (hopefully) stimulate some energetic discussion as we reflect on its meaning for our lives and our faith.

RUBY'S PLANT SALE

May 26th

9 AM - 3 PM

Come browse the plants & find something new for your garden!!!



Also: Ruby needs volunteers to serve as cashier on May 26th, July 14th & September 1st.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 9:30 AM

Sunday School: during worship
(except 1st Sun of each month)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tue. - Thu. 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

15th Day of every month

Missed a Sunday? Unable to attend worship?

You can catch the weekly sermon video at
www.umcbranford.org



A Message from Don Robinson

“God’s Angels Abound with Mercy”

On my quest to serve and expand my ministry “Prayers by Mail” and by phone I now have 10 elderly ladies and gentlemen I write to on a regular basis. They all need healing of some kind either in body, mind or spirit. I try very hard to help them in prayer. They all are lovely Christian folk. All are between 77 and 92 years old.

One of these ladies who lives in TN I call my Tennessee Angel. She is 86 years old. On a recent phone call she said to me, “Brother Don, I have a surprise for you.” I said, “For me?” “Yes”, she said, “My mother’s here visiting me.” “Your mother?” I asked. “Yes,” she said, “It’s been a year since I saw her last and I am so happy. Would you like to speak to her?” “Yes.” I said, and a frail voice came over the phone. “Hello brother Don.” “Your daughter is 86 years old,” I said, “how old are you?” She said, “Two weeks ago I turned 105.” “God bless you,” I answered, “regardless of age God has a plan for all of us.”

I think God’s plan for me is to help people through prayer. Do you know God’s plan for you?

Here is a prayer for healing:

Dear Father, brothers and sisters I have spent time part of this evening reading Bible verses and reflecting on the day. Now as I prepare for bed I ask you to bless us with good health and healing tonight. Let us and our loved ones rest free of illness or pain. Protect us as we sleep and let us wake refreshed and ready for a new day. In your name we pray. Amen.

May blessings surround you for the ensuing days,

Don Robinson



Nursing Home Ministry

Don Robinson is dedicated to providing this important ministry. He visits a number of nursing homes and would LOVE to have others join this ministry. He would be happy to talk with anyone interested and help them get started. Call Don at 203-488-6111 or see him in church.



Sewing for God



Monday’s 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Weather permitting

Our Artis friends will be almost current with receiving their quilt by the end of May. We will continue to have some extras in the closet for new neighbors as they arrive.

A new project has come to our attention and that is for the children of Life Haven located in New Haven. They are looking for quilts made with 5” squares. (Each is only 56 squares). We need at least 5 by Memorial Day.

Come join us, for there is always things to do, such as pressing, clipping, sewing, etc. All supplies are provided. Questions see Rosemary

Women’s Spring Luncheon

Monday, May 21st
12:30pm

CAFE FIORE
420 East Main Street -
Branford, CT



Order from Menu - Signup sheet on Signup Board

Secret Pal
Although you may
not know my name
you are special to me
just the same.



Looking for Your Tabs !!



**NEXT DELIVERY DATE IS:
May; 2018**

Collecting pop tabs is a fun and easy way to support the Ronald McDonald House New Haven. All of the money is used for the Ronald McDonald Houses to support families staying with us while their children are undergoing medical treatment

It's easy! All you need to do is remove the pop tab from each can before you put the can in your recycle bin. It's fun! You can involve community groups and your family in supporting the cause without a lot of effort.

Check all your cans for tabs, they add up quickly. Put a small jar on your counter and you will be surprised how fast it will fill up.

Rosemary & Tony

May Calendar

Wed 2 - 7 PM	Trustees
Wed 9 - 5:30 PM	Learn & Play Board
Wed 16 - 7 PM	Faithful Stewards
Sat 19 - 8 AM	Men's Breakfast
Sun 20 - 9:30 AM	Pentecost (Guest Painter)
Wed 23 - 7 PM	Finance Committee
Fri 25 - 6 PM	Community Dinner
Fri 25 - 7PM	Youth Night
Sat 26 - 9am-3pm	Ruby's Plant Sale

Weekly Calendar

Communion at Artis: Sun @ 11:30 AM
Monday Morning Quarterbacking: Mon @ 10 AM
Sewing for God: Mon @ 4 PM
Branford Chorale: Mon @ 7 PM
Pastor's Bible Study: Tue @ 7 PM & Thu @ 10 AM
AA: Tue @ 7:30 & Sat @ 7:00 PM
Learn & Play Chapel: Wed @ 10 AM
Prayer Shawl Ministry: Wed @ 10:30 AM
Faith Talk at Artis: Wed @ 11 AM
Al-Anon: Thu @ 7:30 PM
Devotional Bible Study: Thu @ 7 PM Shoreline Cafe

Youth Night

Our monthly youth night is a time for fun & fellowship!!! All youth from our church (6th-12th grade) are encouraged to attend and bring their friends. We meet in the church basement from 7-9:30 PM. Snacks are being provided. Ping Pong, Air Hockey, Foosball and video games are all available and we'll continue to add other activities in the future.

The date of our May Youth Night will be Friday the 25th !!!

May Birthdays

Roger Gagné 1
Richard Robinson, Jr. 1
Allan Lang 2
Alice Macy 2
M.E. Solomon 2
John Nickou 8
Beth James 10
Tom Macy 12
Andrew Wolek 12
Christopher Blossom 16
Hayley Gregoire 16
Heidi Busch 20
Andrew Rezman 23
Ruth Dorr 24
Ben James 25
Tony Luzzi 25
Morgan McMahon 31
Susan McMahon 31

May Anniversaries

Robin & Andrew Wolek 5
Alice & George Klein 16
Judy & Michael Loukides 23

